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As Fig. 6 also shows, the kit 200 can also include instructions 232 for using the usage key card 202 in the fashion described. For example, the instructions 232 can instruct the physician as to the need for having the usage key card 202 read by the module 48, in order to enable use of the device 26 in association with the generator 38. The instructions 232 can also instruct the physician regarding the content of the procedure log and the subsequent off-line processing options that are available.

As Fig. 7 shows, the storage medium 204 of the usage key card 202 can also contain at least one additional formatted file 226 that provides device information 228, which characterizes the device 26 supplied in the kit 200. For example, the device information 228, when read by the module 48, can identify the type of device 26 in terms of its operational characteristics, the inclusion of temperature sensing, and reuse criteria (e.g., no reuse after a single use, or multiple uses permitted up a prescribed maximum number of uses, or multiple uses permitted up to a maximum time period of use, or multiple uses permitted up to a maximum application of RF energy). The file 226 can also condition the GUI to display the desired images and data formats, which change depending upon the treatment procedure using the device (e.g, treatment of GERD, fecal incontinence, or urinary incontinence). In one arrangement, the controller 54 can compare the device characteristics with the

operational characteristics of the controller 54 and generator 38, and disable operation of the device 26 should the characteristics of the device 26 be incompatible with the characteristics of the controller 54 and/or generator 38.

Various features of the invention are set forth in the following claims.